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SUBJECT: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUGAR HEARINGS AND
REQUIRED INFORMATION

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1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR BEST RESPONSES, BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED
BY MAURITIUS SUGAR SYNDICATE, TO QUESTIONS PARA 2 REFTEL:

A. UNAVAILABLE. INDUSTRY INFORMED US THAT THE LEVEL OF COSTS
CHARGES MONTHLY DUE TO INFLATION AND OTHER FACTORS AND IS NOT
AVAILABLE.

B. PLANTATION WHITE SUGAR US 4 CENTS PER POUND.

C. US 19.2 CENTS PER POUND.

D. SUGAR PROTECTED BY YEARS:

1975 - 545,000 SHORT TONS RAW VALUE

1976 - 815,000

1977 - 845,000

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1978 - 865,000

1979 - 875,000

1980 - 890,000

E. OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS OF INVESTMENTS OF ALL TYPES ARE PLANNED TO ACHIEVE A TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF 950,000 SHORT TONS RAW VALUE.

F. 2.5 PER CENT PER ANNUM.

G. IN TERMS OF ACP-CEE LOME CONVENTION, MAURITIUS WILL BENEFIT, WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1975, BY AN ANNUAL QUOTA TO THE EEC OF 487,200 METRIC TONS WHITE VALUE (APPROXIMATELY 583,000 SHORT TONS RAW VALUE). THE PRICE FOR THAT QUOTA IS A GUARANTEED PRICE FOR BULK SUGAR CIF EUROPEAN PORTS FOR STANDARD QUALITY SUGAR NEGOTIATED ANNUALLY WITHIN THE PRICE RANGE OBTAINING IN THE COMMUNITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL RELEVANT ECONOMIC FACTORS.

H. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN THIS ONE CROP ECONOMY THE GOVERNMENT WORKS CLOSELY WITH INDEPENDENT SUGAR INDUSTRY IN ALL ASPECTS TO MAXIMIZE PRODUCTION AND CONTROL WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SOCIAL REASONS. SUGAR, AS OTHER BASIC FOOD STUFFS SUCH AS FLOUR AND RICE, IS SOLD ON THE DOMESTIC MARKET AT A PRICE FIXED BY GOVERNMENT WHICH IS CONSIDERED TOO LOW BY THE INDUSTRY.
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